

MAY DAY MESSAGE BROUGHT FROM WAR TORN EUROPE BY HOLLAND SOCIALIST SENATOR WHO DECLARES WORKERS OF BELLIGERENT COUNTRIES ARE REUNITING THEIR FORCES

HENRI H. von KOL, Socialist member of the Holland senate, first Socialist parliamentary representative to come to this country since the beginning of the war, upon arriving yesterday from his stay in Japan, where

industrial conditions for the Dutch government, said that the greatest and most influential forces are now at work to bring about peace among the warring nations. His May Day message to the workers of America is as follows: "I want to

tell the working people and the Socialists of the belligerent countries are coming together again for the purpose of an international peace conference. 'There is nothing more important than to work for preparedness for and work for such peace.'

wounds which the idea of international understanding." Herr Von Kol said in conclusion that the solidarity of the proletariat suffered during the first weeks of the war are beginning to heal and that the working people in Europe to take part in an international peace conference. "If peace is to be of any benefit or consequence to the masses of the people daily growing stronger."

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THERE'S VICTORY IN THIS "DEFEAT"

By G. A. HOEHN

Editor St. Louis Labor.

SOCIALISM Beaten By a Big Majority in Granite City!" was the caption over the election result from the other side of the river last Wednesday morning. The first paragraph of the G.-D. report read:

"Granite City, Ill., which four years ago elected a Socialist Mayor, yesterday repudiated Socialism by an overwhelming vote. Marshall E. Kirkpatrick, the incumbent, a Socialist, was defeated by Joseph C. Steele for Mayor by 1200 votes. Every candidate on the Independent ticket, which opposed the Socialist ticket, was elected by pluralities ranging from 1200 to 1500."

Most significant about the latest capitalist victory of the capitalist forces over the Socialist Party in Granite City is the following report of the St. Louis Republic of last Wednesday morning:

"Granite City Contest Hot.

"The election of Joseph C. Steele, St. Louis independent, over the Socialist candidate, Marshall E. Kirkpatrick, in Granite City, where enthusiasm eclipsing all previous celebrations in the city's history marked the defeat of the Socialist Mayor, Marshall E. Kirkpatrick, and the election of Joseph C. Steele and the entire independent ticket.

"Party affiliations, which had twice scattered the mayoralty vote and allowed Kirkpatrick to hold two terms of two years each, were forgotten in the general fight on Republican, in which women and men of all classes and creeds interests joined forces on a common ground.

"2000 Cowbells in Celebration.

"When the tabulation of ballots, more of which were cast by women than by men, showed the victory of Steele and other independents by a plurality of approximately 1100 out of a total vote of 4210, the streets became filled with crowds of cheering citizens. Fireworks, 2000 cowbells, an automobile parade and scores of impromptu speakers kept up a continuous din from early evening until midnight.

"It was a common thing during the day to see a banker's wife, in her automobile, graciously conveying a saloon "hangover" to the polls to record his vote against Socialism. Speakers did not criticize and even praised the Socialist, personally, but denounced his principles and urged the wiping out of the "state on

A cross the Mississippi River from St. Louis, Mo., is Granite City, Ill., the home of steel mills and other industries that cruelly exploit thousands of workers. Four years ago the workers, rallying under the banner of Socialism, managed to capture the city administration. Four years of unswerving allegiance to the workers resulted in all the forces of anti-Socialism in the city allying themselves in the war to oust the Socialists. This story by G. A. Hoehn, editor of St. Louis Labor, tells how Socialism in Granite City was its greatest triumph when it lost the administration of the city's affairs.

Granite City as probably the only municipality in Illinois with a Socialist Mayor."

Socialists of Granite City, your honorable defeat is a moral victory for the Socialist Party and the cause it represents! When all the capitalist interests of Granite City: the managers of the big trust factories and their agents, the Democratic and the Republican parties, the bankers and the bankers' wives and the hoodlums, the Church Prohibitionists and the Liquor interests were compelled to fuse in order to triumph over the Socialists, when they overcame your honest campaign, the widest advertising as a decided moral victory from one end of the country to the other!

A better and more honorable political necrology for the Socialist Party of Granite City could not have been written than the one contained in the plain report of facts of the Democratic St. Louis Republic!

"Victorious Alliance.

Bankers' wives in automobiles began for the voter of saloon bums; Church and Liquor interests joining hands in the fight against Socialism; Democratic and Republican party politicians forgetting their partisan political identity; and then the 2000 cowbells furnished at capitalist expense, and the fireworks and capitalist automobile parade celebrating the anti-Socialist victory—Socialists throughout the American continent, make a note of this latest Granite City election!

For the last four years Granite City, Ill., has had the cleanest and most effective city administration in its history. The name of our young comrade, Marshall E. Kirkpatrick, the Socialist Mayor for the last four years, will forever fill a golden page in the political history of Granite City!

His administration has been of invaluable benefit to Granite City and will forever reflect credit on the Socialist movement of this country.

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TERrible WAR LESSONS WILL ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM

By CARL LEGIEN

Secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions and Socialist Member of the German Reichstag from Hamburg.

THIS May Message from Carl Legien, secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions and Socialist Member of the German Reichstag from Hamburg, shows the feeling voiced by all European Socialists that the World Socialist Movement will move forward faster than ever after a half has been called to this universal spilling of human blood.

THIS war will by no means mark a breakdown of International Socialism. On the contrary, I feel convinced that today's terrible lessons will further the cause of Socialism; that they will strengthen our international action. There is no doubt that at least the vast majority of the members of the German Socialist Party, in spite of all they believe necessary for the needs of the moment, have remained as good internationalists as they were before the war.

There appears to be no end yet of this terrible war. As far as Germany is concerned every imaginable preparation has been made with a view to continuing the war for any length of time. By the way, the value of our systematic training towards organization has been proven in these days in the most astonishing manner. Many things are achieved now for which we have been agitating for many years. Hitherto this realization has been refused with the usual "impossible." It is indeed more than a pity that these progressive measures must be paid for so dearly.

I suppose there is no need for my dwelling in detail upon the tragedy which is being played in the "Old World" at the present moment. Surely you are all well acquainted with all that happens here, through the medium of your own papers. Unfortunately we have all permitted ourselves to be deceived as to the real power of Socialism as a means to maintain the world's peace today. Events took us by surprise. We find that in all belligerent countries the same effects are shown. All efforts to avoid the terrible calamity, which has befallen us, were in vain, for all decision was in the hands of others, organized labor having no say in the matter. A friend of mine going to Holland will take this letter along so that it may have a better chance of reaching you unmolested.



Socialism: Boys don't fight each other. Yonder is the enemy you should destroy.

SOCIALISM NEVER MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN NOW!

INTERNATIONAL Labor Day, May 1,

1915, will live long in the memory of the workers of the world. It will stand forth as the day on which the world war in Europe reached its zenith; when every indication is that International Socialism, stronger and more powerful than ever, is marching on to greater victories. There is hardly a nation in the world that is not

showing signs of Socialist progress, while in the nations at war the voice of Socialism sounds the only protesting note with strength enough to be heard above the thunderous tumult of millions of men in arms clashing in ceaseless conflict.

On the eve of May Day news comes over the cables from Italy declaring that Italian Socialists are vigorously opposed to participation by Italy in the war and that they are planning to bring about, in case mobilization of the army is ordered, a general strike throughout Italy.

In the meantime the cry against war in Austria continually grows louder, with serious uprisings reported from many parts of the country, especially at Vienna, while at Prague, the capital city of Bohemia, conditions are reported to have assumed a revolutionary character.

We take the liberty to extend to Comrade Kirkpatrick and to all other comrades of Granite City the hearty congratulations of the nation's Socialists for their splendid work, whereby they compelled all the capitalist parties and capitalist interests to fuse and unite against the party of Socialism.

Last Tuesday's election in Granite City was simply a repetition of the experience of our comrades in Haverville, Milwaukee, Schenectady, Battle and other cities where the Socialists had captured the city administration.

The political working class movement under the banner of the Socialist party will drive the capitalist

gained sufficient strength to elect its ticket by a plurality vote. Then the capitalist pluralities will be combined to assure a capitalist majority.

Pleading that money directed late work on the new parliament buildings at Winnipeg, Canada, should be refunded and utilized to buy bread for the unemployed, a delegation of jobless men visited Premier Sir Rodmond Roblin, while 10,000 of the unemployed assembled in the shadow of Queen Victoria's statue on Parliament square, under the surveillance of 50 police.

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Charles G. Taylor, Socialist, was re-elected member of the Board of Education by a majority of 55 over his nearest competitor. The Socialist of Grand Rapids, Mich., consider this a greater victory than that of a year ago, when Taylor, then practically unknown, was elected at a nonpartisan election, by a large majority, to fill an unexpired term.

This year, however, Taylor was well known through his work on the board. Among other things he succeeded, through great perseverance and in spite of strong opposition, to get the question of Free Text Books submitted to the voters. This measure, while defeated by a small majority, received over 1600 votes.

The Battle, Mont., Socialists have sent their greetings to Pat Quillan, re-elected member of the Board of Education, now confirmed in the New Jersey state prison at Trenton, declaring that "From your prison cell your unquenchable spirit shines out through the clouds of doubt and discouragement an inspiration for us all."

The miners of Marquette, Ill., are getting their co-operative society in shape to open a store. At last reports nearly \$1000 had been raised. The interest displayed by the local unions and individual members is such that Marquette is certain to have an up-to-date co-operative store in the very near future.

ROOSEVELT UNMASKED!

SOME of the inside political secrets of the Republican Party, and of New York State, are being laid bare in the court fight between Theodore Roosevelt and William Barnes Jr., at Syracuse, N. Y. Barnes, the republican boss of New York, is suing Roosevelt for libel, claiming he has been damaged \$50,000 worth by the name Roosevelt has called him.

Roosevelt, of course, is trying to show that Barnes was not damaged, and Roosevelt are succeeding immensely. In blinding each other, showing how Big Business really controls politics, and what the politicians think of the great mass of the people.

It was shown how business men, known to be Democrats, contributed to the republican campaign funds, something Socialists have always pointed out. In speaking of this testimony, the press declares that one of the lawyers, "fought like a tiger to stop the coming testimony," by repeating one of his conversations with Barnes. Roosevelt said:

"At one point of the conversation the question arose that Mr. Platt (former United States senator) had said to me that certain men of great prominence in New York who would be unfavorably affected by the passage of the bill (franchise tax bill) had been heavy contributors to the republican campaign fund among the wealthiest."

"THIS WAS A SURPRISE to me because the men mentioned were Democrats. Mr. Barnes said that Mr. Platt was entirely right, that of course, the men had contributed to both parties and that in Albany Robert Pruya and Anthony N. Brady, who were connected with electric power companies, had been heavy contributors to the Republican campaign among the wealthiest."

"MR. BRADY'S INTEREST.

"MR. BRADY CONTRIBUTED NOT AS A MATTER OF POLITICS BUT AS A MATTER OF BUSINESS."

So it cannot be denied that Theodore Roosevelt knew Barnes for what he was, the unscrupulous political boss, the faithful political tool of "Big Business."

AT THE same day's trial, Roosevelt, who is the leading political figure in New York, was shown to be a dead parallel that ought to convince the most ignorant of the millions of politically and industrially misled workers in America:

BARNES TO ROOSEVELT.

Roosevelt told of Barnes' 1898 views on bosses and machine government in language as follows:

"Mr. Barnes stated that it was his duty to protect the big business interests, because unless they were protected they would not make contributions to the party failing to protect them, and that without such contributions it was impossible to carry on the organization, and that without 'bosses' party government was impossible, and he used this phrase: 'The people are not fit to govern themselves. They must be run by party organizations, and you cannot have organization leaders unless you have money.'

"Were you relations friendly with Mr. Barnes when you were governor?" asked Mr. Bowens, taking a different line.

"Entirely so," said Col. Roosevelt, profitably.

IF THE so-called progressive party is not completely dead by this time the revelations brought out by the Roosevelt-Barnes court contest should give it the finishing fatal touch. The Progressive Party died because it stood for the same line as the Democratic and Republican parties stand for, and Big Business feels that it takes only two parties to deceive the people. Roosevelt had better write his obituary, too, because he will be dead long before the trial at Syracuse has come to a close and the verdict rendered.

Red Granite, Wise, nominated two of their candidates in the recent election: Robert L. Evans being chosen village trustee, and John R. Jones, constable.

NEXT WEEK

THE American Socialist will next week publish

an article replying to the arguments now being made by Peter Collins and David Goldstein who are touring the country under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus.

The best way to meet the arguments of Goldstein and Collins, and other anti-Socialist speakers, who claim to be the spokesmen of the Catholic Church, is to distribute literature giving the Socialist attitude on the question of religion.

If Goldstein or Collins are booked for a lecture date in your city you should order several thousand copies of next week's American Socialist. There will also be a Henry Dubb cartoon by "The American Socialist" showing why the workers should not permit themselves to be divided on the question of religion.

The price for bundles of this issue will be \$5 a thousand; \$6 for \$1.50; 100 for 50 cents. Send in your order now!

REFRESH MEMORY OF THE WORKERS

By Adolph Germer

THIS IS written on April 20th, the anniversary of the Ludlow, Colo., massacre. One year ago to-day, brutal capitalism, through paid hyenas in human form, perpetrated the most hideous crime in the annals of labor's history, on a community of unsuspecting men, defenseless women and innocent little children.

Capitalism is utterly free from sentiment. There is no human impulse in capitalism's struggle to retain supremacy. Its elements are as chilly as ice and its movements treat human life as a burlesque.

To those who have followed the course of events, the roasting of women and children at Ludlow, by the hired murderers in military uniform, is still fresh in memory. The moans of agony from the despairing victims can still be heard. In

fancy we can still see them vainly struggling to escape the inferno of the incendiaries who revel and rejoice in the barbarity of their beastly outrage.

BUT CAPITALISM WORKS the same wherever right and justice is pitted against corporate greed.

A few months prior to Ludlow, the nation was horrified over the unpardonable catastrophe at Calumet. There, as at Ludlow, capitalism had no human feelings in its mad attack upon the unsuspecting and defenseless, but jovial Christ-mas gathering in Italian Hall.

And when we turn the pages of labor's history back a little farther, we come upon the name of Holly Grove, West Va. It was at Holly Grove where an armored train equipped with machine guns and a

band of hired desperados at mid-night turned loose a deadly gun fire upon a sleeping village, killing one and wounding others. It was at Holly Grove where Quinn Morton, the leader of the coal barons said lets go back and give them another round.

The list of instances where soldiers of labor's industrial army have fallen as victims of capitalism is endless. Day in and day out; year in and year out, the struggle between man and dollar continues and the pathway of the labor movement is decked with little mounds of earth beneath which lie the mortal remains of martyrs to the cause.

WHETHER IT be the Transport Workers of Great Britain, the Miners of Germany, or the workers of any calling in

any country who revolt against the tyranny and exploitation of private owners of the industries, the same agencies of the political state are pressed into action with the same results. Whether under the toads of Old Glory or whether under the Union Jack or any other flag, the political state has ever been at the disposal of the capitalist class to force the workers into submission.

To get as much as possible, at any cost, out of the mills, mines, factories, railroads, etc., is the incentive for the owners of the industries to exploit and murder and burn human beings. Human life is plentiful. The labor market is overstocked, especially in these Democratic days.

But the most pathetic fact of all is that persons from the ranks of the workers enlist in the service of the capitalist class

to do the shooting and burning.

Rockefeller never fired a shot in Colorado. Neither did Weisbord or Osgood. It was the common herd, Beck, Belcher, Hammock, the Linderfields, DeWitt, Hunt, Brown, etc., etc., who did what Rockefeller and his understrappers wanted done.

SOME OF these murderers from whose fingers drips the blood of little babes who never hissed a word, perpetrated the hellish crimes for the pauper sum ranging from \$3 to \$5 per day.

And these inhuman creatures dare to engage in such service, only because the political state is in the hands of the capitalist class ever ready to do its bidding.

So has it been in the past and so will it be in the future until the men and women

of labor join hands in the political and economic movements of the working class. These two powerful weapons are at our disposal. We can make use of them the very moment we determine to do so. With them we can make THIS WORLD the Eden that is promised us in the great beyond.

WELL MIGHT WE CHOOSE LUD, CALUMET AND HOLLY GROVE AS OUR THEME FOR INTERNATIONAL LABOR DAY, MAY 1ST, AND REFRESH THE MEMORY OF THE WORKERS OF THE CRIMES THAT CAPITALISM COMMITS AGAINST THEM.

THESE INCIDENTS ADD TO THE LIFE AND GRANDEUR OF LABOR AND TO THE DEATH AND DISGRACE OF CAPITALISM.

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SATURDAY, MAY 1st, 1914.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Now is off the week's news worth while being down for workers to buy righting for Socialists they do not have time to read the daily newspaper press.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28.

Reporters open some of the Old Guard's secret records to the Play Book of Syndicate, N. Y. Some of a noisy peace stirs Washington.

Quinton declares it to be duty of American nation to maintain highest ideal of neutrality.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29.

Workers begin to strike. British miners strike for 8 hours. Some protest and refuse any embargo on sale of arms.

New hand and toe attack on Durbanites still planned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30.

All traffic between Holland and Eng. stopped. Belated naval battle in North Sea is brewing.

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THE "COLLAPSE" OF THE INTERNATIONAL

THE peculiar brand of Socialists who rejoice in Socialist mistakes, fallen on Socialist defeat and are enthusiastic only when they can point out some alleged faults of the socialist movement, have lately been regarding themselves, their supporters and readers with the cheering assertion that the Socialist International has utterly collapsed in the face of the world-war.

Incidentally there has been so much loose thinking and talking about "internationalism" and "nationalism," that it may not be out of place to attempt a sober definition of the terms, and an analytical forecast of the fate of International Socialism after the war.

What is generally termed the SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL stands for a complexity of ideas and institutions, whose main elements may be summarized under the following heads:

1. The identity of aims and methods of the Socialist parties of all countries.

2. The practical cooperation of the Socialists and organized workers of all nations in their every-day political and economic struggles.

3. Their common faith in the eventual obliteration of national boundaries, their common ideal of a free federation of nations.

4. The concrete international organization of the Socialist movement repre-

sented by the International Socialist Bureau with headquarters in Brussels (now temporarily transferred to The Hague) and by periodical International Socialist conventions.

NONE OF these features is likely to be seriously impaired as a result of the war. The Socialist program must remain international in character, because it will continue to voice the same general demands all over the world, after the war as before the war — the abolition of private ownership in the social instruments of wealth production and the reorganization of the industries on the basis of collective ownership and democratic administration. The Socialist policies and methods of action must likewise remain international, for they always will be rooted in the economic and political struggles of the working-classes.

The practical international cooperation of the organized workers of Europe has always found a stronger application in their economic struggles than in their politics. This may be readily accounted for. Political activity is by its nature circumscribed by the boundaries of the autonomous political unit, the country. The restricted spheres of international politics, diplomacy and wars, are as a rule wholly withdrawn from the control of the people. The situation is radically different in the

field of modern economics. The principal industries of our time have assumed international proportions, not merely in their general character, but in actual organization and practical operation. The great banking and industrial interests of the modern countries are closely allied in ownership. The modern market is a world market. Capitalism has long broken down all national barriers and the moneyed interests have consolidated their beloved fatherlands into one great international business pool. International capital has in turn created an international labor market. In modern production the workers of all countries are pitted against one another almost in the same manner as the workers of different sections of the same country, and the competition between the workers of all nations is largely intensified by the constant streams of migratory labor. The organized worker engaged in an advanced industry begins to find it difficult to maintain labor standards on a national scale. Ordinary wisdom and economic foresight impel him to organize internationally as well as nationally. It is thus by no means a mere accident that the last twenty years have witnessed the birth and growth of numerous international labor unions.

THE WAR will not check the growing internationalism of either capital or labor.

Rather will it stimulate and accelerate the developments of both. The very substance of the war is the revolt of international capitalism against national boundaries and restrictions. Whatever the general economic effects of the war may be, it will almost certainly result in greater international liberty of motion for industrial

within a short period of time to some working form of a federation of European nations. The international ideal of Socialism will thus gain an ever stronger material foundation, and for this reason, an ever growing concrete expression.

THE SOUL of the Socialist International is thus bound to emerge from the ashes of the war strengthened and purified. Will the form survive?

This is neither very certain nor very material. Unquestionably the wholly abnormal position in which the Socialists of Europe find themselves in this fratricidal war is apt to cause some personal irritation and bitterness among them. So far the Socialists engaged in the war have shown a most remarkable spirit of mutual understanding and forebearance. It is impossible to predict what situation may be produced if the war should continue much longer. The sense of irritation may become acute, and on the other hand a new turn of the war may alienate the Socialists from their governments and bring them together in common opposition to the continuance of the war.

That the latter course is the more probable one seems to be indicated by an unbroken chain of recent events. Since the outbreak of the war joint conferences have been held between the Socialists of Italy and Switzerland, the Scandinavian

countries and Holland, the Socialists of the allied countries and recently also between the Socialists of Germany and Austria. What is more significant still is the fact that the Socialist women of Europe have succeeded in bringing together in joint conference, representatives of practically all important European countries, including those engaged on both sides of the war, and that the conference was thoroughly harmonious and unanimous in thought and acts.

All of these conferences tentative peace programs were adopted, and it is a fact full of hope and promise that all such programs are similar in spirit and substance.

THE INTERNATIONAL Socialist Bureau is rapidly re-establishing relations with the Socialist parties of all affiliated countries, and it is quite likely that a meeting of the full bureau will prove feasible within a short time. In the peace negotiations to come the Socialists of Europe will again present a solid front.

Whether the Socialist International will maintain or change its form of organization after the war is at this time still uncertain. It is also quite immaterial. The Socialist movement as such has overcome many great trials. It will survive the war. It is bound to retain its inherent international character. International Socialism is imperishable.

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NATIONAL REFERENDUM

By Louis Columbus, Kansas.

WHEREAS, By National Referendum No. 1914, closing April 24, 1914, Article XI, Section 1, was submitted to the party membership the right to have any motion submitted to a referendum on the request of Local representatives.

The National Committee, in direct violation of the National Constitution prohibiting any referendum to amend any section thereof, voted to accept the motion to submit the same on year (See Article XV, Sec. 1, of the Constitution prior to its amendment by said Article "A," 1914), and before Article XV, Sec. 1, was adopted, could not find any other article of organization to which a motion could be referred to National Committee for consideration.

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**THIS COLUMN RECORDS
THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
OUR SUB HUSTLERS
FROM WEEK TO WEEK**

Last Week 57,106
Off 931

On 14,344

This Week 50,013

Gale 907

This week we can record excellent progress. It seems only a little while ago since we gave forth a shout of gladness because the circulation had reached the 50,000 mark. We are now very close to 60,000 and expect to pass it soon. We will then embark on merrily towards the 100,000 mark.

The extremely hard times are well nigh passed. Capitalism is beginning to run smoothly again—that is as far as it is possible for capitalism to run smoothly. The hustlers should take advantage of this and should double their ability for O.H.R. paper.

ROLL OF HONOR

FLORENCE SPOKESFIELD, Massachusetts, sends in 40 new sub cards. She comments: "We are putting forth an effort to sell American Socialist sub cards here in Springfield."

PANIE FLYNN, New York, sends in 40 cards and says the efforts to send more soon.

GEORGE G. HAMILTON, Oklahoma, orders 21 cards. He comments: "Here's another lot of 21 which brings me up to 200 in my promised 210. Total 208 all told."

JULIUS DELFS, Ohio, orders 14 sub cards. He is certainly doing all he can to help along.

ARTHUR OLSON, North Dakota, sends in for 12 new cards.

B. WENNER, Pennsylvania, orders 12 cards. He comments: "The whole 2nd and 24th weeks propaganda committee has joined THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST vol unitedly. We are sending out 100 cards each week to see the Party Paper big and strong and the party out of debt."

A. AMES, Washington, orders nine sub cards. "This is a little better than sending just the four that were called for," he writes.

A. NEIBUT, New York, sends in 11 names. He says: "I hope I will be able to find some more new subscribers for THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST in the near future."

GEORGE A. NEWTON, sends in 50 cards for our work with the East. His name in the circulation of our paper is increased by 50.

C. A. PIKE, Pennsylvania, orders eight sub cards. He comments: "We are only a little bunch of revolutionaries at this time, but we are working hard to win our fighting funds out, we make 'em sit up and take notice. You will hear from us again."

OLIVER ANDERSON, Montana sends in 10 cards.

JOHN F. NIERAUS, Illinois, sends in 81 and says: "Our branch is going to send all new members The American Socialist for 40 weeks."

G. A. JORDON, Wisconsin, sends in 81. He writes: "We have worked hard for you to get a workingman's paper; let us not give up but push THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST to the top at all times."

GEORGE A. NEWTON, Indiana, orders four sub cards. He decides: "This is the second trip for this dollar and I hope that it will make many more."

CHARLES GROSSBACH, Indiana, sends in 81 and says: "Our branch is going to do its best to help you out that debt. I do hope that more comrades will respond promptly. I know that we can do this easily if we try."

PAUL T. GUNDER, Pennsylvania, orders four sub cards. He decides: "This is the second trip for this dollar and I hope that it will make many more."

ROSA R. ANDERSON, Iowa, orders four cards. She says: "My idea in keeping one dollar at work is to get my heat to get all dues payed. Socialists on our list. The American Socialist is the mouth piece of the Party."

B. SIF, Minnesota, orders four cards and 81. He says: "The idea of a party owned by the workers and the poor is good. We have got things started to make a noise like Socialism and the Red Flag. We are going to have a country convention."

TOE DICKENBROCK, New Jersey, orders four sub cards. He says: "We shall try to keep the dollar working for our paper. It may grow and shine to enlighten the world with the truth."

WILLIAM J. MCDONALD, Pennsylvania, sends in 40 cards. The paper, he says, should have not only 100,000 subscribers but 1,000,000.

CHARLES BALDWIN, Indiana, sends in 81 and says: "We can do these 81 but send it to help get the Red Flag."

ANTO CUFER, Michigan, sends in 81. He says: "Now that I am in the race for Mayor, we will do my best for it. Future Socialists are the mouth piece of the Party."

W. A. MOORHEAD, Ohio, sends in 40 toward raising the debt. He says: Local Cyrus wishes to do what he can to help wipe out the National Debt."

J. BARTLEMAN, Ohio, orders four sub cards. He says: "We have a word to gain. That is our way to get it. But sub cards."

PHIL. CALLEY, Kansas, writes: As editor of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST, the last paper in the midwest, and every Comrade owes it his individual support.

SOME ANSWERS

By THERESA H. RUSSELL.

A WELL-MEANING woman said to me the other day:

"The chief reason I am opposed to Government ownership is that it is so wasteful and inefficient. Why, the Government pays thousands of employees \$1,200 and \$1,500 salaries, and the same work would cost private corporations less than \$720 a year."

I did not attempt to refute these figures.

What I answered was this:

"That is true. But what you do not realize is that you have just given one of the strongest possible reasons in favor of government ownership. With the present cost of living, do you think any one ought to try to support a family on \$720 a year?"

ANOTHER WELL-disposed person recently brought forth to me this "argument" against Socialism.

"Why do you Socialists waste so much time in denouncing big fortunes? Why, poor old Rockefeller doesn't get any more out of life than you do. He can only eat so much and wear so much and play a little golf, and with all his wealth he isn't any happier than you or I."

I did not attempt to combat these facts.

What I answered was this:

"That is true. But what you do not realize is that you have just uttered the final indictment against the present stupid economic system. It certainly does not benefit any one else. And you have just asserted that it does not benefit even its alleged beneficiaries."

I mention these two incidents as illustrations of the fact that it is not necessary for Socialists to attempt to do every objection to Socialism. Often our opponents, under the guise of conscientious objections, will bring forth the best possible arguments in our favor. Let us accept these and explain what they really mean.

On general principles it would be well for Socialists to explain more and to deny and denounce less. Let us not forget the homely maxim that more flies are caught with honey than with vinegar.

Instead of denouncing the conscientious opponent let us explain to him first and then reason with him.

Take this matter of the Red Flag for instance.

Anybody can challenge anyone that objects to it.

Why not explain to a critic of the Red Flag as follows?

"You can not possibly maintain your prejudice against the Red Flag after you once understand its meaning."

The red color of the Socialist flag has exactly the same significance as the red in the American and the French and many other flags. Red, White and Blue symbolize Fraternity, Equality and Liberty. Red is the symbol of fraternity. It stands not for riot, arson and bloodshed, as you mistakenly assume, but for the Red Blood common in the veins of all mankind, as opposed to the mythical Blue Blood of aristocracy."

Would any one continue to object to the Red Flag after that?

SCATTERED SHOT

By OSCAR H. ADKINSON.
To the victims along the tolls.

You will tell us at a loss until you stop voting for the bogs.

Socialism will give the people good roads that lead to their own markets.

Every exploited toiler is a juror, who sooner or later, will pass upon the sentence of death.

So class walls drain the swamps of capitalism and plant them to fruit and flowers for all the people.

It is up to Doctor Wilson to decide some specific for tramping voter.

The cost of living is a bird that cannot be winged with a tariff popgun.

All efforts to reform Capitalism are futile as placing hempen cords around an old tree to keep it from falling to pieces.

Big crooks are escorted by brass bands. Little ones are chased by goodbands.

A Prohibitionist who can't answer a Socialist's argument, always has his opponent is drunk.

Charles O. Hahn has been elected to the Socialist aldermen from the fifth ward of Berwyn, Ill., a city of 8,000 population near Chicago.

SUGGESTIONS AND WARNINGS FROM OTHER LANDS

By WALTER THOMAS MILLS
Author of "The Struggle for Existence", and just released from a five year lecture tour around the world.

NO. 2. ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY IN THE ALL YEAR ROUND CAMPAIGN.

THE complaint sometimes made against party dues and party expenditures in this country cannot be justified by comparison with such expenditures in other countries. The annual expenditure for each member of the party in America is a smaller sum than in any other English speaking country.

The quarter of a million collected from the poor people of the United States by the Socialist Party ought to be made a million and a quarter.

Just because the people who pay it are poor, larger numbers of them should join in paying it for a shorter time in order that all may speedily escape from poverty.

I am convinced that the members ought to get more for their money but there ought also be more money for party work. It is certain that every wasteful expenditure has the same effect as a loss of income, while every increase in efficiency in the use of income has the same effect as an added membership so far as the showing of the accounts is concerned.

But there are other features of this subject which must not be ignored. Every achievement in efficiency is a demonstration of the Socialists' ability to make good in the management of the nation. Every wasteful expenditure and every careless administrative act is a demonstration of inefficiency which means an added lease of life to the exploiters of labor.

ONLY A LITTLE while ago it was supposed that "management" was a gift. The good manager was a born genius. The bad manager was a hopeless misfit. Now it is known that the work of organization and management is itself a task to be scientifically studied if it is to be successfully undertaken. Scientific organization and management is a thing not to be promised in the affairs of the nation when Socialism comes, it was to be realized in the affairs of the party, if the party is to be successful.

May-day — the day that symbolizes the awakening of nature from its long winter's sleep; the day of virgin verdure and budding life; of twittering birds and bursting chrysalises; of tender love-songs and life-mating — also the day that was to be a day of kindling the holy fire of hatred to oppression; of budding hope to the enslaved; of impregnation of ideas and multiplying strength; of international union which no might of tyrant could shatter; — And now the world's workers stand aloof of each other and nurture deadening hate where there was to be regenerating love.

Such was to be the First of May of many a year — This is the year. And yet, O Workers! This is not — this can not be the reward of your class for its ages of toil, suffering and sacrifices; its genials, industry and cunning. This can not be the end of it all. Once more the thunder of cannon shall be silenced, the barrels of guns will be sheathed and the gory sword will be sheathed.

Then again you will meet in council. Then again you shall deliberate. Then again you shall plan. Then again you shall build.

The British Labor Party is a model in many of its activities in these particulars:

1. Its literature always bears on the activities of the party. It is not a question of the party's right to exist but of the right of the party to be heard.

2. All of its officers, executives and members of parliament give their WHOLE TIME TO THE PARTY WORK and the one salary provided by the party for members of parliament pays both for their services in parliament and on the platform. All of its spokesmen are all the time subject to the call of the party. Any man prominent in the movement who would attempt a private propaganda of his own and refuse the call of the party organization would at once forfeit the confidence of the party.

3. The regular organization is also the campaign organization except that the election laws require the appointment of an election agent, but the party committees which act when the election is on are the same committees which act all the year around. The regular all-the-year-around-workers are never set aside for a campaign committee which comes into existence on a wave of excitement and frequently goes out of existence with unpaid bills as the only memorial of its brief career.

THE CAMPAIGN for membership never ceases. It is an all-year-around-affair. The resources of the party are very large. Until recently, in addition to all other expenditures, the party was obliged to provide the regular salaries for its forty-three members of parliament. When the nation took over the payment of these salaries, the party did not ask for smaller funds. It devoted the funds thus made available to promoting the daily which is now published simultaneously in both London and Manchester with a daily circulation of half a million.

It will be seen that this is the same as if in this country men like Hillquit, Berger, Debs, Wilson and Warren should all of them be paid a salary and be made the National Executive of the Party and be required to devote their whole time to its promotion as National organizers, each for an industrial group or what might be necessary at the start for at least a definite section of the country.

Then the very great fauna which comes to these men because of their great services to the party would be brought to bear directly on the task of building up the party membership and adding to its power. What ever they would decide to do as an executive they would themselves carry out as organizers. When the Executive was in session the definite knowledge and personal experience of what would be most needed, not in one industry but in all, not some where but everywhere, would be present as the personal knowledge and personal interest of every member of the Executive. Then every dollar available for the national work would be sure, under such circumstances, to be used in such a way as to promote the work which these executives themselves would be directly engaged in, that is what the national funds are for.

Then the state organizations would be helped to push their organization work all the year around, to systematize and make effective the work within the states, that is what a national organizer is for.

Then state and national literature, newspapers, books, campaign programs and administrative policies would be harmonized, brought to bear upon the definite work at hand and that once done will mean the mounting up of the party membership, and the speedy victory for Socialism.

SURELY, in consideration of these great possibilities, a great deal more like the work of the Socialist party with an annual income of a quarter of a million of dollars ought not any longer to depend for its central management on the spare time of those otherwise employed. It is certain that if such a national executive were once elected it would be able to effect economies in the National Office which would make such a program entirely practicable without adding one penny to the burdens of the party while it would add a thousand fold to the efficiency of the party work.

In conclusion these are the paths which lead to victory, unity — not fusion, immediate economic advantages in the party membership, the craft industries as the unit in party organization and in party activity and finally scientific organization and management in the party work.

MAY-DAY 1915

By EMIL SEIDEL

MAY-DAY, Workers' Holiday.

It was conceived as an international holiday — a day on which people send me four subcards to The American Socialist. I can't see for the life of me why 25,000 of the Ades don't fall into line just this one time and have the satisfaction to witness the fruits of their labor coming in. As for me, I would believe one is worthy of the same name Socialist that won't do that much. Not

HE COMES BACK

L. L. Thompson, of Missouri:

"You will find enclosed money order for \$1 for which please send me four subcards to The American Socialist. I can't see for the life of me why 25,000 of the Ades don't fall into line just this one time and have the satisfaction to witness the fruits of their labor coming in. As for me, I would believe one is worthy of the same name Socialist that won't do that much. Not

but the others will do that much."

To the Local of the Socialist Party,

The League will take a prominent part in the May Day Demonstration. May 15, the League will present "The Child of His Heart" by William F. Barnes.

This office has just secured a large supply of arm bands for the Y. P. S. L. The bands are red with white letters and sell for 15 cents each in lots of ten or more; single band 25 cents. Fifteen cents is as low as we can make the price, no matter how many are ordered.

"Our Incomes" is the name of a play which has been put out in manuscript form by this office. It is written by a professional writer of amateur plays, Katherine Band Stevens, and sells for 15 cents a copy. It is just the thing League

is looking for. Seven copies, \$1.

STRENGTHENING SOCIALISM.

Dr. Karl Liebknecht's reward for protesting against the war is to be sent into its jaws. If he comes out alive, he probably will be even more strongly in favor of peace than he was before. A more effective way of stimulating socialism in Germany could scarcely be found than by making martyrs of its champions.

The day has passed in Germany, in spite of militarism, when ideas can be crushed only by crushing a particular man. If this leader of German socialism is killed in Alsace, his blood is likely to prove the seed of his cause. And if he escapes death, his influence is not apt to be lessened by the fact that he was singled out as an object lesson by military power.

Such was to